JOHN VAN WAGONER, JR., AND MARGARET YOUNG VAN WAGONER



Bishop of Midway First Ward 1913-1926.

John Van Wagoner, Jr., son of John Van Wagoner, Sr., and Margaret Faucett Van Wagoner, was born December 16, 1873, at Midway. He was the eldest of 14 children.

He attended school at Midway and two years at the Brigham Young University.

He married Margaret Jane Young in the Salt Lake Temple January 13, 1897. To this union 10 children were born. His wife, six

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children and one foster son are living to cherish his memory.

He served a two-year mission in California from 1910 to 1912.

He was Bishop over Midway First Ward for 13 years and was always active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In his life he exemplified the love of doing first things first, the devotion to his wife and the love for his children. He showed an appreciation of the Gospel of the Master and was always ready and willing to bear his testimony to the best of his ability, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and no power can destroy His works.

In his early life he supplied the butcher shops in Park City. He and his brother, William, owned and operated a grocery. In later life he was a real estate dealer. He was County Commissioner for 8 years.

He was called to serve with the Hawthorne Stake Missionaries and was engaged in this work when he became ill and could no longer continue his duties in the Church. He passed away November 18, 1946, in Salt Lake City.

Margaret was the third child in a family of 15. She was born August 4, 1879 in Heber City, a daughter of Brigham J. Young and Sarah McDonald Young.

She was educated in the public schools of Wasatch County and attended a branch of the BYU taught by Attewall Wootton.

She and her good husband lived in Midway for 26 years. She was an ardent worker in the Church, working as an officer in all of the Auxiliary organizations. She was a Charter member of the Hawthorne Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. After the family moved to Pleasant Grove, Mrs. Van Wagoner was made President of the DUP there. They later moved to Provo where their children would be close to the BYU. Mrs. Van Wagoner then resided in Salt Lake City.

Children of John Van Wagoner Jr., and Margaret Young Van Wagoner:

Johnny, died in infancy;
Leo, married LeRee Chipman;
Mrs. E. Dewey (Blanche) Moulton;
Boyd, married Viola Murdock;
Reed, married Floretta Ryan;
Clive, died in youth;
Mrs. Helmer (June) Bloomquist;
Brigham Young, married Sarah Elizabeth;
Dale Leana, married Helen Bloomquist;
Kenneth, married Amelia Burningham.

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